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SUBJ: PRELICENSE CHECK BEECH AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 032758

1. AIR AFFAIRES GABON IS NEWLY FORMED COMPANY, REPORTEDLY INCLUDING FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENT BONGO. BELLANGER, WHO ALSO FINANCIALLY INVOLVED AND SERVING AS COMPANY'S DIRECTOR, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, IS ONE OF WEALTHIEST MEN IN GABON AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOCOPA, LARGEST CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMPANY IN GABON. AIR AFFAIRES WAS SET UP PRINCIPALLY TO COMPETE WITH AIR SERVICE FOR THE LUCRATIVE AIR CHARTER BUSINESS IN GABON. AIR AFFAIRES HAS HIRED AWAY MANY OF AIR SERVICE'S PILOTS, AND BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION, AIR SERVICE IS QUITE WORRIED THAT ITS POSITION IN GABON WILL BE THREATENED. (AIR SERVICE IS AFRAID, AND PROBABLY RIGHTLY SO, THAT ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CHARTING PLANES WILL NOW USE AIR AFFAIRES.)

2. AIR AFFARIES NOW IN PROCESS OF BUILDING UP ITS FLEET, AND BEECHCRAFT SUNDOWNER INTENDED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT WILL THUS BE USED BY AIR AFFAIRES TO TRANSPORT VARIOUS CUSTOMERS AROUND COUNTRY. TRANSACTION APPEARS TO BE MOST LEGITIMATE, AND EMBASSY HAS NO DOUBTS THAT AIR AFFAIRES WILL SUCCEED AS BUSINESS VENTURE.

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3. WE HAVE REQUESTED WTDR INFORMATION FROM AIR AFFAIRES
AND WILL FORWARD IT AS SOON AS PROVIDED.
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